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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7321**
Hiroyuki FUJIMURA et al. : Docket No. 2000_0345
Serial No. 09/532,153 : Group Art Unit 1764
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATING WASTES BY GASIFICATION

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Sir:

Your petitioners, Ebara Corporation, residing at 11-1, HanedaAsahi-cho, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and Ube Industries, Ltd., residing at 12-32, 1-chome Nishihonmachi, Ube-shi, Yamaguchi, Japan, represent that they are the assignees of the entire right, title and interest in and to application Serial No. 09/532,153, filed March 21, 2000, for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTES BY GASIFICATION and evidenced by an Assignment recorded on September 24, 1997 at Reel 8722, Frames 0424-0426. Your petitioners Ebara Corporation and Ube Industries, Ltd. hereby disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,455,011, issued September 24, 2002, and hereby agree that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to the patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,455,011, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding on the grantees, their successors or assigns.

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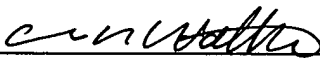
In accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b), the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and it is certified that, to the best of the Petitioners' knowledge and belief, the entire right, title and interest is in the Petitioners seeking to take action.

The undersigned verifies that he is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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